Claims

[c1]   A fee based ranking BBS comprising:

a user device;

a network;

a database comprising an author field, a subject field, a

date field, a message field and a monetary field; and,

a server configured to run a BBS and process a user

command;

said server configured to monetarily rank information

stored in said database and present said information via

said network to said user device.

[c2]   A method for a fee based ranking BBS comprising:

viewing a topic list;

selecting a topic from said topic list; and,

viewing at least one message header list comprising

monetarily ranked message headers.

[c3]   The method of claim 2 further comprising:

posting a first message to said topic; and,

entering a first monetary amount associated with said

posting.

[c4]   The method of claim 3 wherein entering comprises bid–

ding up to an amount.

[c5]   The method of claim 3 wherein entering comprises pay-
         ing a fee for a position.

[c6]   The method of claim 3 further comprising:
         selecting a calendar based duration for said posting.

[c7]   The method of claim 3 further comprising:
         purchasing an increased message header text field for
         said posting.

[c8]   The method of claim 3 further comprising:
         charging a second user a second monetary amount for
         viewing said first message.

[c9]   The method of claim 3 further comprising:
         paying a first user who posted said first message a third
         monetary amount when a second user views said first
         message.

[c10]   The method of claim 3 further comprising:
         charging a second user a second monetary amount for
         viewing said first message; and,
         paying a first user who posted said first message a third
         monetary amount when said second user views said first
         message.

[c11]   The method of claim 3 further comprising:

notifying a user when a second message is posted to said topic with a second monetary amount which is greater than said first monetary amount associated with said first message.

[c12] The method of claim 11 wherein notifying comprises polling via the user device.

[c13] The method of claim 11 wherein notifying comprises sending a message to said user device.

[c14] The method of claim 3 further comprising: authenticating a user.

[c15] The method of claim 3 further comprising: interacting with an external credit card processing system.

[c16] The method of claim 3 further comprising: sharing content with an affiliated BBS.

[c17] The method of claim 16 further comprising charging said affiliated BBS a fee.

[c18] The method of claim 16 further comprising paying said affiliated BBS a fee.

[c19] A computer program product for fee based ranking comprising computer readable program code embodied

in a memory medium, said computer readable program code configured to:

display monetarily ranked message header lists in a plurality of viewing areas; and,

display in a message text area a message text corresponding to a highest monetarily ranked message header displayed in one of said plurality of viewing areas.

[c20]   The computer program product of claim 19 further configured to:

accept a post of a first message; and,

obtain monetary ranking information from a first user corresponding to said post.

[c21]   The computer program product of claim 20 further configured to:

accept a time duration for said post.

[c22]   The computer program product of claim 21 further configured to:

notify said first user when a second message is posted having a second monetary amount which is greater than a first monetary amount corresponding to said first message.